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EMPLOYMENT TO SC/ST IN DAMODAR VALLEY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Chandrapura, Bokaro Thermal Power Station and six dams i.e. Tillaya and Maithon of Damodar Valley Corporation are situated in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, whether hundreds of people have been recruited in the name of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in categories III and IV besides other posts in Damodar Valley Corporation in the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Jharkhand has been totally neglected in the above recruitment and not even 10% of persons belonging to Jharkhand have been recruited whereas more than 90% persons of West Bengal have been taken; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) : There are two thermal power stations at Chandrapura and Bokaro and only four dams at Tilaiya, Konar, Maithon and Panchet in Jharkhand.

(b) to (e) : Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), while recruiting the people for various posts, follows the reservation policy of the Government of India in respect of Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes. During the period 2002-2004, 280 people in category III & category IV (Group C&D) have been recruited in DVC. Year-wise details of people recruited are given as under:

Year	Number
2002	: 4
2003	: 192
2004	: 84

Of these, 226 are appointed in Group `C` category and 54 in Group `D` category. Out of 280 people recruited, 147 belong to West Bengal, 78 to Jharkhand, 46 to Bihar and 9 from other States. In the year 2003-04, to make up the deficiency of SC/ST category, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) made a special drive through an open advertisement on All India basis for recruitment to the post of Junior Operator (Electrical/Mechanical) in Group `C`. The recruitment was made through by an outside agency. 177 out of 280 persons appointed belong to SC/ST category.